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1. Copy of a Supplementary European Search Report dated January 17, 2008 issued in a counterpart European application;
2. IDS Form; and
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Said Supplementary European Search Report is in English, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for any non-English language publications cited therein (MPEP 609 III A(3)).

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) (1)

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